

**TODD H. STROGER**

PRESIDENT

EARLEAN COLLINS	1st Dist.	PETER N. SILVESTRI	9th Dist.
ROBERT STEELE	2nd Dist.	BRIDGET GAINER	10th Dist.
JERRY BUTLER	3rd Dist.	JOHN P. DALEY	11th Dist.
WILLIAM M. BEAVERS	4th Dist.	FORREST CLAYPOOL	12th Dist.
DEBORAH SIMS	5th Dist.	LARRY SUFFREDIN	13th Dist.
JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY	6th Dist.	GREGG GOSLIN	14th Dist.
JOSEPH MARIO MORENO	7th Dist.	TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER	15th Dist.
EDWIN REYES	8th Dist.	ANTHONY J. PERAICA	16th Dist.
		ELIZABETH ANN DOODY GORMAN	17th Dist.

**PATRICK M. BLANCHARD**  
INSPECTOR GENERAL69 West Washington  
Suite 1160

Chicago, Illinois 60602

TEL (312) 603-0350

FAX (312) 603-9948

January 15, 2010

Honorable Todd H. Stroger  
and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
of Cook County, Illinois  
118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report

Dear President Stroger and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

This report is written in accordance with section 2-287 of the Independent Inspector General (OIIG) Ordinance, Cook County, Ill., Ordinances 07-O-52 (2007), to apprise you of the activities of this office during the time period of October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Please be aware that we have retained additional staff within the OIIG this reporting period. Mr. Tirrell Paxton, Deputy Inspector General, will focus on OIIG fraud investigations, audit, as well as compliance and management reviews. Mr. Paxton is both a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner and holds a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Paxton has very strong experience in investigations and audits and most recently worked with Ernst & Young LLP. OIIG Investigator Joseph Norris has been elevated to the position of Deputy Inspector General and will focus on general investigations. Mr. Norris, also an attorney, has over 25-years experience serving with the FBI with significant Internal Affairs, Health Care Fraud and supervisory experience. Mr. Michael A. DeMarte has joined the OIIG as an Investigator having served in federal law enforcement for 35-years. Investigator DeMarte served within the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) acquiring extensive internal investigative and supervisory experience during his tenure before being appointed Special Agent In-Charge of the Chicago and Denver field offices. Before joining the OIIG, Investigator DeMarte also served as Special Agent In-Charge of the Chicago office of the Federal Air Marshall Service (FAMS). What their credentials do not reveal, however, is the strong commitment each of these individuals has to the mission of the OIIG. I will keep you informed of all future hiring developments.



Honorable Todd H. Stroger  
and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
January 15, 2010  
Page 2

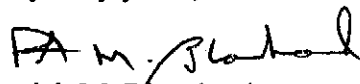
In connection with the number of complaints received during the subject reporting period, please be advised that this office has received a total of 74 complaints. As indicated to you in previous reports, we have undertaken a triage process of each complaint and immediately initiate an investigation when appropriate. The remaining complaints will be the subject of formal inquiry at the appropriate time. Accordingly, please be aware that of the 74 complaints received by this office during this quarter, 29 active investigations have been initiated during the subject period. This number also includes those investigations resulting from the exercise of my own initiative (sec. 2-284(2)). Additionally, this office also conducts formal inquiries to ascertain whether a formal case investigation is warranted. There are 10 open inquiries being conducted of the 74 complaints filed during this quarter. The following is a list reflecting the issues being reviewed in the recently opened investigations.

- 13 Unlawful Political Discrimination (UPD) cases
- 4 Failure to follow County policies, procedures, or practices
- 2 Violation of local, state, or federal laws
- 1 Theft
- 5 Misuse of Timekeeping Records/Falsification
- 1 Official Misconduct
- 1 Contractor Fraud
- 2 Waste/Mismanagement investigations/audits

Please be advised that this office has referred 3 matters for criminal enforcement to an outside enforcement agency this reporting period.

Thank you for your time and attention to these issues. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this report further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Patrick M. Blanchard  
Independent Inspector General  
(312) 603-0364